We as organizations, groups, and individuals committed to Palestinian self-determination call on the Muslim community in North America to eschew any and all participation, facilitation, or any form of legitimization for the Muslim Leadership Initiative of the Shalom Hartman Institute and its representatives or advocates.

Just a few months following Israel’s latest assault on Gaza, which killed 2,200 Palestinians, and during this time when activists worldwide are working to strengthen campaigns to hold Israel accountable for its continued denial of Palestinian rights through tactics such as boycotts, divestment, and sanctions (BDS), it is distressing to learn that Muslim American chaplains, journalists, academics, and cultural workers are being approached and a small yet growing number are participating in an initiative that is a clear propaganda attempt by the Israeli organization Hartman to “influence the North American Muslim community in reassessing its preconceived notions of Judaism and Israel.” MLI participants are ignoring Palestinian calls to isolate Israel and are taking part in a program sponsored by an organization involved in efforts to thwart BDS. (It should also be noted that Hartman is funded by one of a handful of major financiers of extreme Islamophobic groups in the United States.)

We reject the notion that this program is an interfaith one and that there is the need for Muslim Americans to engage with the state of Israel or institutions complicit in its war crimes.

We believe in the potential power of interfaith cooperation but only when it stands on the common values...
of freedom, justice, and equality such as the Interfaith Boycott Coalition launched in January 2013 or the
more than 50 delegations Interfaith Peace-Builders has led to Palestine. In regards to Muslim-Jewish
relations, we reject outright both the notion that what is happening in Palestine is a “religious conflict”
and the conflation between Zionism, Israeli state policies, and Judaism. Jewish groups such as Jewish
Voice for Peace and the International Jewish Anti-Zionist Network have been dedicated partners in the
fight for Palestinian rights.

We strongly believe in the need for increased engagement by Muslim Americans with the issue of
Palestine but only in ways that promote Palestinian liberation and comply with Palestinian demands.

We pledge to not give a platform to any MLI participant to speak about their experiences at our
community centers, places of worship, and campuses and call on a complete boycott of MLI. We pledge
to be in solidarity with the Palestinian struggle and to do so by honoring the BDS call. We pledge to
engage with Palestinians in our communities and support delegations to Palestine that are meant to
highlight the reality on the ground of occupation, apartheid, and ethnic cleansing.

Resources:
[1] Zionist tour for Muslim-Americans sparks anger in Palestine (1/18/15)
[2] Islamophobia bankroller behind organizer of Israel junket for US “Muslim leaders” (1/4/15)
[3] And the Faithwashing Continues: Second Cohort of Muslim Leadership Initiative Participants Leave
for Israel (1/2/15)
[4] An Interfaith Trojan Horse: Faithwashing Apartheid and Occupation (7/1/2014)

To sign on, visit http://bit.ly/1yTo1dg.

Signed,

[Organizations]
US Palestinian Community Network (USPCN)
Palestinian Youth Movement (PYM)
US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation
US Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (USACBI)
Interfaith Peace-Builders
Al-Awda, The Palestine Right To Return Coalition
Al-Awda-NY
American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC)
American Arab Forum
American Islamic Services Foundation
American Muslims for Palestine
American Muslims for Palestine-MN
American University Students for Justice in Palestine
Arab Cultural & Community Center
Birmingham Islamic Society, Alabama
Boycott for Peace
CODEPINK: Women for Peace
Drew University Students for Justice in Palestine
Green Party of Florida
Islamic Circle of North America Council for Social Justice
Jewish Voice for Peace Santa Cruz
Jews for Palestinian Right of Return
Karama, San Diego
Labor for Palestine
Latino Muslims Of New York
MuslimGirl.net
Muslim Chaplains Association
Muslim Renaissance Group
The Muslim Street
Muslim American Society
Muslim Student Association at University of South Florida
Muslims in Development
North Texas BDS
Pace University Students for Justice in Palestine
Peace and Integration Council of North America – PICNA
Penn State Students for Justice in Palestine
Revolutionary Student Coordinating Committee
Samidoum Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network
St Louis Palestine Solidarity Committee
Students Allied for Freedom and Equality at University of Michigan
Students for a Democratic Society- UT Arlington
Students for Justice in Palestine California State University, Fullerton
Students for Justice in Palestine at the College of Staten Island
Students for Justice in Palestine, DePaul
Students for Justice In Palestine at Florida International University
Students for Justice in Palestine Loyola University Chicago
Students for Justice in Palestine Northwestern University
Students for Justice in Palestine at UCLA
Students for Justice in Palestine at University of California Riverside
Students for Justice in Palestine – University of New Mexico
Students for Justice in Palestine University of Florida
Students for Justice in Palestine University of South Florida
Syrian American Council of South Florida
Valley Ranch Islamic Center
The YA-YA Network

(55 total)

[Individuals (Organizations listed for identification only.)]

Mazin Qumsiyeh, Palestine Museum of Natural History
Dr. Sami Al Arian
Aamir Ali
Aatika Harchan, Students for Justice in Palestine
Abbas Barzegar, Georgia State University
Abbas Hamideh, Vice Chairman, Al-Awda, The Palestine Right To Return Coalition
Abed A. Ayoub
Adam Siddiqui
Afifa Khaliq
Afesar Mulbagal
Ahlam Said
Ahmad Abuhamda
Ahmed Shaikh
Dr. Akhtar Ehtisam  
Alaa Abuadas  
Alaa Mukahhal  
Alex Abbasi  
Ali Alshella  
Ali Shokeh  
Alison Glick  
Aly Abul-kheir  
Amal Ali  
Amal Mahfouz  
Amal Salem  
Amanda Bateh, Students for Justice in Palestine UF  
Amanda Nelson, Secretary, University of Florida Students for Justice in Palestine  
Amani Barakat  
Andrew Kadi  
Anne Roberts  
Asad Dandia, Student  
Ashley Agbasoga, Student  
Audrey Bomse, Jewish Voice for Peace  
Barryett Enge  
Rabbi Borukh Goldberg  
Benjamin Douglas  
Bilaal Ahmed  
Brandi Hubbard  
Brett Stachler, Gender and Sexuality Resource Center, Northwestern University  
Cathy Schneider, American University  
Charlotte Kates  
Cheryl Lindsey Seelhoff  
Cyrus McGoldrick, Muslim Renaissance Group  
Daleen Elshaer  
Daniela Jorge  
Daniel Cione, Students for Justice in Palestine, Hunter College  
Daniel Mustafa  
Danya Shakfeh, Attorney  
Danya Zituni, USF Students for Justice in Palestine  
Darakshan Raja, Washington Peace Center  
Darrell Yeaney, Trinity Presbyterian Church  
Dawud Walid  
Deanna Othman, Journalist  
Dennis Kortheuer  
Dina Omar, Student  
Dina Shana’a  
Dinu Ahmed  
Dorah Rosen Shuey, Jewish Voice for Peace Santa Cruz, Planning Committee Member  
Doruk Uzel  
Dustin Craun  
Eman Beshatwii  
Eric Brown  
Fahd Ahmed  
Faiqa Mahmoud
Say No to Faithwashing: Boycott Muslim Leadership Initiative

Farah Erzouki, Student
Fatma Benmosbah
Fatima Ashraf, Open Society Foundation
Fouad Kaawach
Dr. Hatem Bazian, National Chair, American Muslims for Palestine
Grace Said
Hadi Hussain, Social Researcher and Activist
Hafsa Kanjwal
Hala Iqbal
Haroun Habib
Harvest McCampbell, Boycott for Peace
Hassan Shaikley, University of California San Diego Student
Hamdan Azhar
Hamzah Raza, Rutgers University Students for Justice in Palestine
Hazem Kayali
Heather Bukhari
Hena Ashraf
Hiba Arshad
Homam Zituni, Public Relations, Muslim Student Association at USF
Ilana I Alazzeh
Imran Ghani
Iram Ali
Ishraq Ali
Izzaddine Mustafa, Students for Justice in Palestine- University of New Mexico
Jalal El-Jayyousi
James Lafterty, National Lawyers Guild, L.A. Office
Jawad Khawaja
Jenan Jondy
Jenine Kotob
Jenica Wright
Jenny Nguyen, Students for a Democratic Society- UT Arlington
Jihan Khalaf
JoAnna Michaels
Juan Pintor
Jumana Al-Qawasmi
Khadija Mehter
Khaled A. Beydoun
Khalid Yasin
Khalid Zubaidi
Khalil Vasquez, Revolutionary Student Coordinating Committee
Laila Abdelaziz
Laila El-Haddad, Author
Lamis Deek, Attorney
Lawrence A. Tawil, Palestine-Israel Action Committee of Santa Cruz, CA
Leena Al-Arian
Leila Ahmouda, Middle East Culture and Politics Organization
Leilah Abdennabi, American Muslims for Palestine-MN
Lena Badr Abdelhamid
Lila Zegar
Lilah Khoja, Researcher
Linda Sarsour
Lisa Gagliardo
Loubna Qutami, Palestinian Youth Movement
Lubna Alzaroo, Students United for Palestinian Equal Rights UW
Madah J Mustafa
Maha Hilal
Majdel Musa, Attorney
Maimoona M Ahmed
Malik Aziz
Manal Fakhoury
Mansoor Abbas
Maysoon Otaibi
Mariam Ali
Mariam Kudaimi
Marwan Kamel
Mary Theodorou
Marya Bangee
Merry Maisel, Jewish Voice for Peace Member
Mahmoud Yamak
Maureen Smith, Peace and Freedom Party
Mehrunisa Qayyum, PITAPOLICY Blog
Mohamad Asraf Bin Ramli
Mohamed Kahiye
Mohammad Abbasi, Muslim American Society
Mohammad Alsaafin
Mohammad Barakat
Mohammad Khan
Mohammed Khizar
Mohammad Natour, Syrian American Council of South Florida
Mohammad Yacoob
Mobeen Vaid
Muhammad Ajo
Muhammad Loutfi
Muhamad Musa
Muhammed Malik, Former Executive Director of CAIR-South Florida
Muneer Awad, Attorney
Imam Mustafa Umar, Islamic Institute of Orange County
Nabihah Maqbool
Nader Barakat
Nadia Hijab, Author and Human Rights Advocate
Nadine Darwish, Students for Justice in Palestine
Najeeb Kamil
Nashiha Alam, Students for Justice in Palestine, Loyola
Nasira Abdul-Aleem
Nasser Barghouti, BDS San Diego
Nada El-Eryan
Nadeen Ibrahim
Nawal Joulani, Students for Justice in Palestine
Neal Feldman, Front Range Jewish Voice for Peace
Needa Malik
Nerdeen Kiswani, President of College of Staten Island SJP
Noeen Sarfraz, Muslims in Development
Noor Hasan
Noor Haydar
Noor Mir
Nora Burgan
Nur Amirah Bte Salimin
Omar Shakir, Center for Constitutional Rights
Imam Omar Suleiman, Valley Ranch Islamic Center
Omar Zayed
Ovais Asif
Paola Garcia, Attorney
Rabab Abdulhadi, Arab and Muslim Ethnicities and Diasporas Initiative, San Francisco State University
Rachel Gladney
Rahim Kurwa
Raihan Dakhil
Raina Satija
Raja Abdulhaq, Activist
Ramah Kudaimi
Dr. Randa Farah
Rani Ghosson, Students for Justice in Palestine at Hunter College
Rasha Mubarak
Rashid Dar, Columbia University
Rayid Sakib, SJP at FIU President
Raymundo Valentin
Remi Kanazi
Reza Ladak
Rhonda Ragab
Rifk Ebeid
Rose Daraz, Student
Rooj Alwazir
Roqayah Chamseddine, Journalist at Al Akhbar English
Royada Widdi
Sahar Salameh
Saidah Khalil
Saif Syed
Sajid Anwar
Salah Chaifk
Sali Hafez
Sallye Steiner Bowyer
Salma Barudi
Sami Elkhayri
Sami Jiries
Samiha Rahman
Sana Saeed, Journalist
Sana Uddin
Sandra Tamari, Steering Committee, US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation
Sania Sufi
Saqib Awan, Legal
Sarah Ali
Sarah Dar
Serin Homsi
Salim Zamir
Selina Pishori
Shahaaab Uddin
Shaik Kamil
Shakeel Syed, American Muslims for Palestine
Sharif Battikhi, American Islamic Services Foundation
Sharmin Hossain, The YA-YA Network
Shereen Aly
Sherif Ibrahim
Siti Syazana
Sophia Armen, CODEPINK: Women for Peace
Sofia Arias, International Socialist Organization
Soraya Valley
Suhad Khatib
Suraia Sahar, Afghans United for Justice
Suzanne Adely
Taha Hassane, Islamic Center of San Diego
Taher Herzallah
Talha Khan
Tareq Yaqub
Tasbeeh Herwees, Writer
Tasnim Motala
Terrina Aguilar
Todd Gallinger
Tusha Diaz, Latino Muslims Of New York
Tony Litwinko, Friends of Sabeel
Vicki Tamoush
Yasmeen Mobayed
Yousra Harchan
Yusef Mehrabi
Zahra Billoo
Zainab Chaudry
Zara Nasir
Zeena Aljawad
Zeid Khater
Zeinab Khalil
Zeina Alturk, Hunter College
Zena Mikdadi
Zeyad Elalami
Zeynab Dahir, Student
Zhra Mursyid
Zuneera Masood
Tamar Ghabin
Wajih Zulqarni
Aisha Ahmed
Atefeh Naeemi
Hamza Flanagan
Ali Soofi
Tamara Reem
Jeremiah Abiade
Noor Aljawad
Ahmed Bedier
Larry Lambert
Zainsb VanHorn-Ali
Abdalla M. Ali
Drost Kokoye
Imran Salha, Muslim American Society
Laura Hussain
Mongi Dhaouadi
Dr. Fadzhiel Byatt
Patricia Smith
Muaaz Hassan
Zehra Wamiq
Sami Kishawi
Ahlam Jbara
Nessrine Ferhat
Lori Saroya
Saad Rehman
Intisarul Islam
Ali Glenesk
Faheem Shaikh MD PhD
Fahmo Jimale
Fatima Mukhtar
Kalia Abiade
Will Youmans
Hannah Ross
Ntebo Mokuena
Nafeesa Marzia Dawood

(294 total)

Share this:

- Twitter
- Facebook
- Google

Like this:

Like Loading...

Related
Post navigation

← MuslimARC Statement on Muslim Leadership Initiative (MLI)
Top Ten Reasons to Boycott MLI →

Leave a Reply

Enter your comment here...

Fill in your details below or click an icon to log in:

•
•

Gravatar
Email (required) (Address never made public)
Name (required)
Website
WordPress.com Logo

You are commenting using your WordPress.com account. (Log Out / Change)

Twitter picture

You are commenting using your Twitter account. (Log Out / Change)

Facebook photo

You are commenting using your Facebook account. (Log Out / Change)

Google+ photo

You are commenting using your Google+ account. (Log Out / Change)

Cancel

Connecting to %s

Notify me of new comments via email.

Sign the Statement!

Categories
Say No to Faithwashing: Boycott Muslim Leadership Initiative |

- Background
- Support for the Boycott
- Uncategorized

Blog at WordPress.com. | The Big Brother Theme. Follow

Follow “”

Get every new post delivered to your Inbox.

Build a website with WordPress.com
%d bloggers like this:

Post to
Cancel